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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS APPLICATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSES TO WORLDCOM, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AS DEBTORS IN POSSESSION

On July 21, 2002, WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) and several of its U.S. subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.¹ WorldCom subsequently filed applications and notifications pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d), seeking the Commission's approval of the involuntary *pro forma* assignment of Commission licenses and authorizations held by WorldCom and its various subsidiaries to WorldCom and those subsidiaries as debtors in possession.²

Pursuant to Section 310(d) of the Act, and section 0.331 of the Commission's Rules,³ the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) has determined that grant of these applications will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We deny the Informal Objection filed by the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc. (UCC).⁴ The assignment before us results merely in a change in the status in which the licensee holds its licenses – from WorldCom to WorldCom as Debtor-in-Possession. UCC acknowledges that “the proposed transfer is but a mere formality – a shuffling of papers – that involves no real change of control or responsibility.”⁵ In addition, as the licensee is receiving no compensation as a result of the assignment, no deterrence interest would be served by denying the application. Also, the public will not be prejudiced by the change in the status of the licensee. For these reasons, this assignment application does not raise public interest concerns warranting a hearing. This denial

¹ *In re WorldCom, Inc.*, Case No. 02-13533 (Bankr. S.D. NY).

² Applications pertaining to involuntary license transfers and assignments generally must be submitted within a prescribed period, typically thirty days, following the event causing the involuntary assignment or transfer, *e.g.*, the filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, in contrast to applications for voluntary transfers and assignments, which generally must be submitted and approved prior to consummation of the transaction. *See, e.g.*, 47 C.F.R. § 1.948(c).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.331.

⁴ Informal Objection to Assignment Applications, filed by the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc. on October 15, 2002 (*Informal Objection*).

⁵ *Informal Objection* at 33.

is without prejudice to UCC's right to raise its objections in a more appropriate procedural context. The Bureau hereby grants the following WorldCom applications regarding the Wireless Radio Services, Multipoint Distribution Service and Multichannel Multipoint Distribution Service licenses:⁶

<u>File Number</u>	<u>Assignor</u>	<u>Lead Call Sign</u>
0000995974	MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc.	KNNH207
0000996769	Intermedia Communications, Inc.	WHB565
0000998447	Intermedia Services LLC	KTF96
0000999185	WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc.	WPNE663
0000999425	SkyTel Communications, Inc.	WPQP209
0000999137	SkyTel Corp.	KNKV215
0000999015	networkMCI, Inc.	WPKY899
0000999049	Express Communications, Inc.	KA68598
0001001637	MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.	WPRW684
0001001655	MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.	WPRX963
0001001683	MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.	WPNU610
BALMD20020820AAA	Intermedia Services, LLC	KFK28
BALMD20020820AAB	CS Wireless Systems, Inc.	B303
BALMD20020820AAC	WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc.	KNSC488
BALMD20020820AAD	WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc.	KNSC529
BALMD20020820AAE	WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc.	KNSE426

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's Rules,⁷ the consent granted herein is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Pursuant to sections 1.106(f) and 1.115(a) of the Commission's Rules,⁸ petitions for reconsideration and applications for review may be filed within thirty days of the release of this Public Notice.

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Action by Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

⁶ Consent to these applications is conditioned on and subject to the disposition of any and all matters raised in connection with WC Docket No. 02-215 and any related administrative and judicial proceedings. In addition, we note that other applications to assign Commission licenses or authorizations from WorldCom or its subsidiaries to themselves as debtors in possession remain pending in other Bureaus of the Commission. Our action herein is not intended to prejudice or otherwise affect the processing and disposition of any filings that are outside the jurisdiction of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.103.

⁸ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(a).